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NEXT MEETING

July

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PROGRAM

*****TRAIN RIDE*****
OUR JULY TRAIN RIDE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO JULY 22. PLEASE BE SURE TO MAKE A NOTE OF THE CHANGE. THE TRAIN RIDE IS THURSDAY, JULY 22. THE TRAIN LEAVES THE STATION AT 7. PRICE IS \$2 PER PERSON AND WILL LAST ABOUT 2 HOURS MEET AT 1200 WEST NORTH TEMPLE

CHANGE OF DATE FOR TRAIN RIDE

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE TRAIN RIDE. IT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 21. THE NEW DATE FOR THE TRAIN RIDE ON THE SALT LAKE, GARFIELD & WESTERN RAILWAY IS THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1993. THE TRAIN WILL LEAVE THE STATION AT 7 PM FOR A ROUND TRIP OF ABOUT 2 HOURS. THE FARE IS \$2 PER PERSON, MEMBERS ONLY. NO RAFFLE OR FIND OF THE MONTH DUE TO THE TRAIN TRIP.

*****WINTER QUARTERS*****

BILL BROWN HAS SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR US TO VISIT WINTER QUARTERS ON THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 7. IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET AND THIS MAY BE A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY, SO BE SURE TO PLAN ON JOINING IN ON THE FUN! NO ON SIGHT CAMPING. SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS.

*****PICNIC*****

SEE NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS ON OUR ANNUAL PICNIC TO BE HELD AT OUR AUGUST MEETING!!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NUTS,

First I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and helped out at the Coin & Token Show. A special thanks goes to Barry Godding. He has transported the display cases to and from the show for the past two years. I would also like to thank everyone who displayed an exhibit. All in all the show was a great success and would not have been possible without everyone's help.

Remember July's meeting will be on Thursday, July 22. We will be going on a train ride. This is an exciting way to relive those days when trains were filled with passengers crossing both Salt Lake City and America. Our thanks goes to Phil Lavorgna for planning this fun event.

Now that summer is in full swing, everyone should try and get out to do some hunting. The entries to our "FIND OF THE MONTH" contest prove there are still a lot of neat things out there just waiting to be recovered.

Good luck, and I'll see you on the train.

Sincerely,

Bill Brown

WAGON MASTER BRUCE DUGGER

FIND OF THE MONTH (F.O.M.)

How would you like a small reward for your finds? The rules are simple, just read and keep the rule sheet from last month. A Mercury dime will be awarded for first place in each category of F.O.M. competition. If you are interested in competing, bring a few of them to the August meeting, found since the last NUTS meeting. You will need to come a few minutes early to enter your finds. Questions? Call Bruce Dugger - 966-3661.

FINDS OF THE MONTH - WINNERS BY CATEGORY FOR JUNE MEETING

U. S. COIN	*B. DUGGER	1894 INDIAN HEAD PENNY
JEWELRY	*T. ROSE	SILVER BRACELET
ARTIFACT	*T. ROSE	ROOSEVELT FAIRBANKS WATCH FOB
NON METAL	*E. BERNKOPF	2 MARBLES
BUTTON	*E. BERNKOPF	WWII MILITARY BUTTON
TOKEN	*B. DUGGER	AMERICAN FUEL COMPANY G/F 1 CAP
OLDEST US CENT	*E. BERNKOPF	1863 INDIAN HEAD

We had 17 entries in the June contest and are looking forward to even more in August! Bring out your finds to the meeting.

FROM THE EDITOR

Send material for publication in the Newsletter to: Karen Kay, 3871 South 6620 West, West Valley City, Utah 84120. Also, please make sure you call me (250-1663) with new addresses before the deadline so you will receive "THE TOKEN HUNTER" on time. YOUR ARTICLE, LETTER, ETC., MUST BE TO ME BY AUGUST 13 TO BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

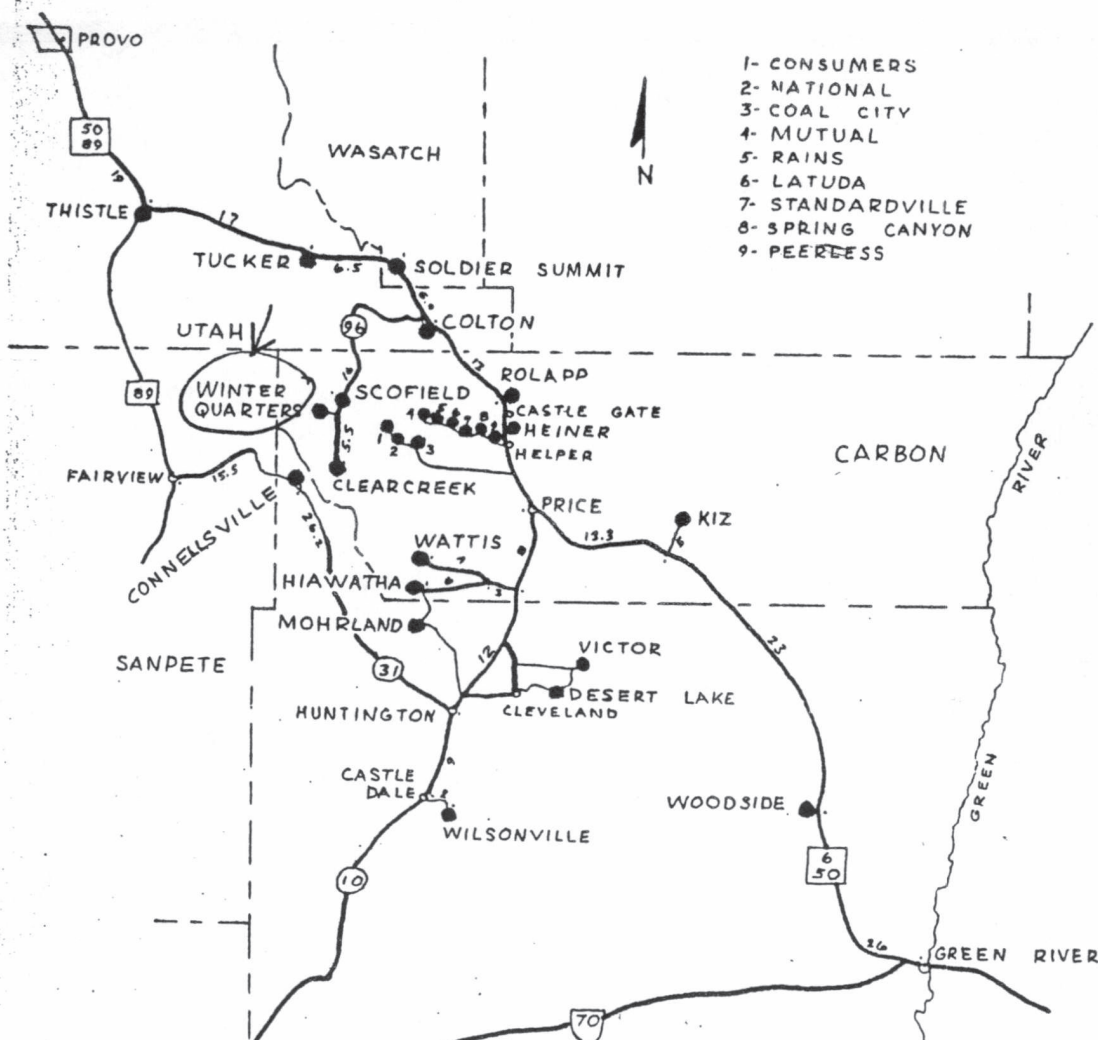
COMING SOON!!! 1 DAY ONLY!!! LAST CHANCE!!! DON'T MISS IT!!! MUST SEE!!

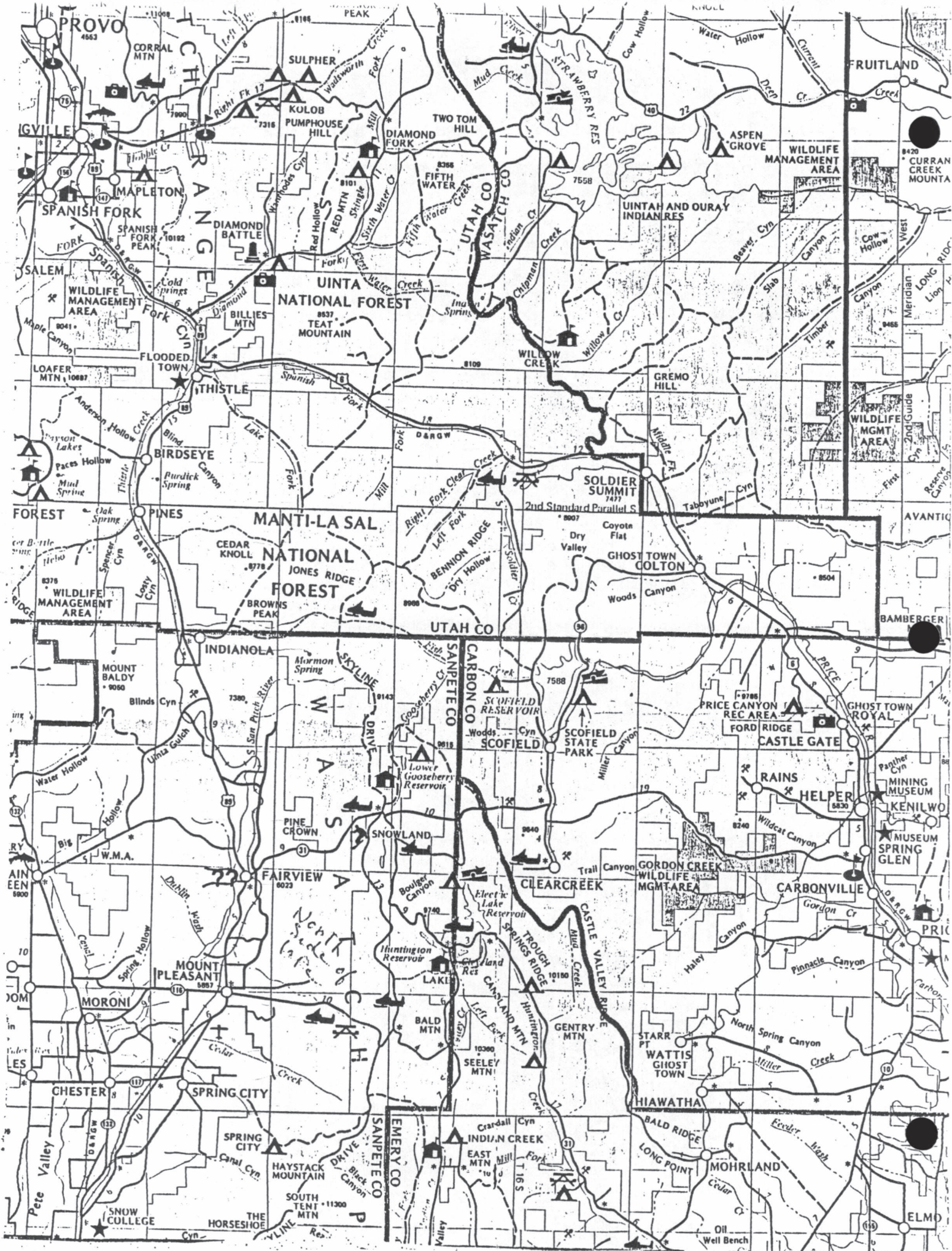
WINTER QUARTERS TRIP

AUGUST TRIP: Saturday, Aug. 7, 1993. Meet at 8:30 at Multipurpose Center

Our August trip is to the ghost town of Winter Quarters. We have received special permission from the land owners to spend one day, and one day only, on the site of one of the worst coal mine disasters in U.S. history. To get there, head toward Price and turn south on U 96 after you get to Soldier Summit and head to Scofield. When you get to Scofield, go to the south end of town and then turn west on a dirt road 1/2 mile until you reach a gate. We may or may not have the gate open. The townsite is 1/2 mile beyond the gate. Most people should be there by 10:30 or 11.

The Pleasant Valley coal mines were first discovered about 1875, and first opened in 1877 and continued operating until 1928. The town name was changed from Pleasant Valley (the name of the region) to Winter Quarters in 1877 because the first miners were snowed in during the winter of 1877. The Pleasant Valley Railroad, which later sold out to the D & R.G.W., reached the town in 1879. On May 1st, 1900, the Winter Quarters #4 mine had a coal dust explosion, killing 199 men & leaving 105 widows and 270 orphans. The town never really recovered from the tragedy and went into slow decline. Today there are only the remains of a few cellars and a wall or two.





Watch Out For Ticks!

By Michael Chaplan

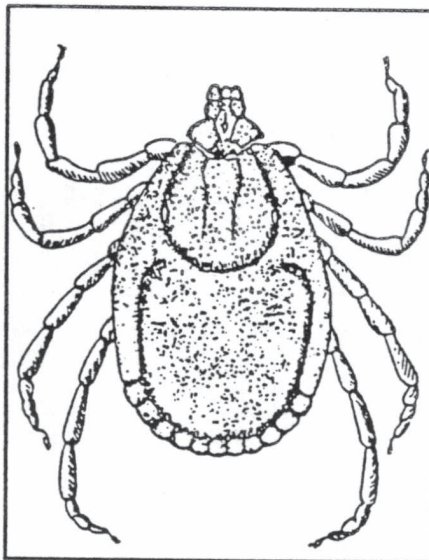
As treasure hunters, we obviously spend a large part of our time in "the great outdoors" and gladly look forward to it. But whether you live in a big city or a rural area, there are potentially dangerous aspects about the local flora and fauna that should be considered in order to protect your health.

Currently, from coast to coast, diseases carried by ticks have become a major concern and placed a roadblock in the way many people now plan their outdoor recreation. In particular, Lyme Disease has received the most urgent public health attention, and is caused by the introduction of harmful bacteria into a person's blood while he is being fed upon by an infected tick. Public opinion polls show that an ever-increasing percentage of Americans actively fear this illness.

Not all ticks carry Lyme Disease, only certain species. In the Northeast and North Central states, the deer tick is the culprit. Out West, the California black-legged tick spreads the disease, while the lone star tick in the South does the same. You are most at risk in grassy, shrubby, and woodland habitats from early spring into the fall. A growing number of cases are being reported every year, and those people who become infected suffer quite a bit, with the potential for serious and long lasting health complications.

Significantly, Lyme Disease does have characteristic warning symptoms that are important to recognize. The first and most dramatic one to appear is a localized "bullseye" rash that appears around the tick bite, a few days to a few weeks after being bitten. This rash sometimes gives a blotchy appearance and is accompanied by flu-like symptoms such as fever, muscle ache, fatigue, chills, and a stiff neck.

For an unknown reason, some people never develop this initial rash. That's why any tick bite where Lyme Disease is prevalent should receive immediate medical attention. A blood test will help diagnose the infection, and early antibiotic therapy can cure it.



An adult tick can be identified by its sacklike body and four pairs of legs. Ticks should be removed promptly and carefully.

With timely treatment, some people never have any further trouble, while others, unfortunately, will still come down with symptoms such as recurring pain in the large joints. Additional long-term problems include cardiac and neurological symptoms that typically begin a year or two after exposure.

Another tickborne disease that treasure hunters are often exposed to is Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and you don't have to be in the Rockies to get it! The spread of this fatal disease has been very rapid, especially in the eastern United States. This is in large part due to the clearing of woodlands that are then replaced by grassy scrub which is perfect habitat for the dog ticks in the East and the wood ticks in the West that transmit the disease. People become victims as they brush against grass on which "questing" ticks are waiting for a host to feed on.

As in Lyme Disease, a characteristic rash also develops, somewhere between 2 to 14 days after contact. But this rash is more extensive, first starting on the wrists and ankles, and then later spreading to all parts of the body. There is also a sudden onset of chills, body ache, fever, nausea, and vomiting. In

cases of severe infection, death usually results 9 to 15 days after onset of symptoms. Treatment is also by antibiotic intervention, and the earlier the better.

Those treasure hunters who live out West and like exploring old miner's cabins are most at risk for Colorado Tick Fever, which is not just confined to Colorado, but was first described there in 1885 as "Mountain Fever." It occurs in all the Rocky Mountain states and into California, Oregon, and western Canada. It seems that the natural food source of the carrier wood ticks are rodents that live in these abandoned structures. When a treasure hunter enters and starts poking around, or even spends the night, the tick will gladly take any easy meal it's offered, passing along the causative virus.

Colorado Tick Fever is not as severe as Lyme Disease or Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, since the disease usually runs its course in a week or two after onset. Symptoms will appear 3 to 6 days after a tick bite. Lasting problems and fatalities are uncommon. However, you certainly will know you're sick and have a severe headache, fever, and backache, along with muscle and joint pain. Children are likely to suffer the

most, occasionally developing encephalitis and hemorrhaging as further complications.

Contrary to popular belief, ticks are not insects but rather belong to a class of creatures called arachnids that also includes spiders, mites, and scorpions. For fast identification, remember that a tick's body is not divided into three sections like an insect's, but has more of a sack-like appearance. There is no distinct head or antennae, just a head-like structure which contains piercing mouth parts. Like spiders, mature ticks have four pairs of legs, while an insect has only three pair. Also, ticks do not fly.

The longer an infected tick feeds on your blood, the greater your chances for coming down with something. Therefore, it's in your best interest to promptly dislodge it. However, this can be a problem, because ticks attach very firmly and are reluctant to let go. One consequence of this tenacity is another illness called Tick Paralysis, probably caused by something in a wood or dog tick's saliva.

This condition takes about 4-6 days to develop, starts with difficulty walking, and continues with a rising paralysis, limb numbness, and problems with speech and breathing.

Fatalities can occur in severe cases, but removal of the tick usually results in a rapid and full recovery. Many victims of Tick Paralysis are young girls who have the tick hidden in their hair, often causing a wrong diagnosis.

If you notice that a tick has attached to you, do not squash it, as that will probably cause a long lasting infection. Sometimes, touching it with the lighted end of a cigarette or a hot pin will cause it to release. The most hygienic way to remove a tick is to grasp it crosswise with a tweezer, as near to the skin as possible, and then gently pull it out. Placing a drop of benzene, Vaseline, or nail polish on the tick may speed up this process. An antiseptic should then be applied.

Tick removal may take some patience along with considerable force to do. If during this struggle you notice that the mouthparts have broken off in the wound, these will definitely have to be removed or, once again, an infection will develop. It may be best to go to a hospital emergency room for sterile conditions and advice on any follow-up. If possible, bring the tick with you for identification.

When treasure hunting in a tick habitat, there are some definite rules to

follow for avoiding tick bite and the potential negative health consequences:

1. Use a good repellent on your shoes, socks, and pant legs.
2. Tuck your pant legs into your socks and shirt into your pants.
3. Wear light colored clothing in order to easily spot dark colored ticks.
4. Check yourself often for ticks and have a friend examine your head and back.
5. Upon arrival at home, check yourself again and be careful with your clothing, so as not to expose family

members and pets to tick attack.

As you become informed about common tick-caused illnesses and how to prevent them, your treasure hunting pursuits should have much happier outcomes, at least healthwise. Our health is our greatest treasure, and we have to take active steps to prevent endangering it, while still continuing to enjoy outdoor adventures. Good hunting! □

CASTLE COUNTRY

PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS

	ELEVATION	SEASON	DAYS LIMIT	# RV TRAILER SITES	# COMPLETE HOOKUPS	MAX. RV LENGTH	# TENT SITES	PICNIC TABLES	DRINKING WATER	NON-DRINKING WATER	TOILETS	SHOWERS	LAUNDRY	SWIMMING	BOATING	FISHING	DUMP SITES	FEE CHARGED	HANDICAP FACILITIES	GROUP SITES
National Forests																				
Fork of Huntington Canyon	7,600	6/1-9/15	16	5																
Old Folks Flat	7,800	6/1-9/15	16	4																
Joos Valley	7,100	5/25-10/25	16	46																
Indian Creek	9,000	6/30-9/20	16	28																
BLM																				
Price Canyon	8,000	6/1-10/15	14	18		25														
State Parks																				
Millsite	6,100	YR	14	20		30	12													
Green River	4,100	YR	14	42		45	20													
Goblin Valley	5,200	YR	14	21		30	21													
Huntington	5,800	YR	14	22		30	22													
Scofield	7,600	5/1-11/30	14	34		30	100													
COMMERCIAL CAMPGROUNDS																				
Esquire Estates Park	5,770	YR		40	40	70														
Olsen Trailer Court	5,770	YR		6	6															
Shady Acres RV Park	4,100	YR		112	80	100	10													
United Campground	4,100	YR		65	65		15													
El Rancho Motel & RV	5,600	YR		34	34	40														

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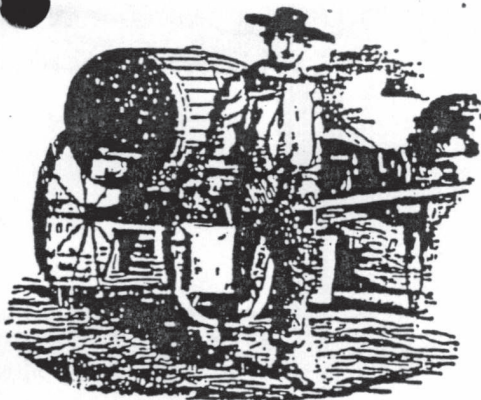
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